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Dear Y12 Parent / Carer

Wider opening of the Academy for Y12 students

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. We would like to thank you for your continued support and patience during these challenging times. I would like to share with you our updated plans for the rest of the summer term for Year 12.

Teachers setting work via Satchel: One (Show My Homework)

This is a continuation of our current approach. All teaching staff will continue setting good quality lessons and work via Satchel: One in line with their normal timetable for all year groups in Y7, 8, 9, 10 & 12. This will allow students to follow their normal timetable at home. This will also include tutor time activities around 'Character Education' and 'Votes for Schools'. Teachers will be setting activities which allow students to make progress in their normal curriculum subjects. Students should access Satchel: One on a daily basis.

In addition to this, between now and the end of the summer term, teachers will be setting some key assessments, via Satchel: One, to test students' knowledge recall from key learning over the last few months. These assessments will show the teachers the progress students have made. It is important students continue to fully engage in the work which is set each week, but also check that they are familiar with the content since the start of Y12. Students will be given advance notice of any assessments.

Delivery of live subject specific lessons and live support sessions

From Monday 15 June, in addition to the work set via Satchel: One above, teachers will deliver two live sessions per week, per subject. These live sessions will be delivered using Microsoft Teams. Instructions and user guides will be sent out later this week. Specific details, days and times regarding the sessions will be communicated with students via email and Satchel: One. Students can download and access Microsoft Teams free of charge on a desktop, laptop or hand held device.

Delivery of two live tutor time sessions per week

From 15 June, Year 12 Form Tutors will deliver two live tutor sessions per week: both based around Votes for Schools (VfS). Each week, the first VfS session will be used to deliver the content and provide information on both sides of the VfS debate, whilst also taking some initial views from students. Following this session students will be asked to prepare a 2 minute speech ready for the next live VfS tutor session. In the second session of the week students will debate the issue with their peers and Form Tutor and be given an opportunity to deliver their speech. These live sessions will be delivered using Microsoft Teams. Specific details, days and times regarding the sessions will be communicated with students via email and Satchel: One.

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Live teaching is a new approach and for some students and staff will be a big change. We will rigorously monitor the delivery of the live sessions and we welcome your feedback. We will continue to use this feedback to refine our approach over the summer term. Once this mechanism of delivery is embedded we will look to increase our 'live delivery' subject curriculum offer.

On-site lessons

From Monday 22 June, students who feel able to attend school will be allocated one 3 hour session for each of their respective subjects. The specific details of this have been posted to individual students and should arrive in the next few days. Student attendance is not compulsory and entirely your decision, in consultation with your son/daughter. Students will receive an email with a link to a survey to inform us whether or not they are attending.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

J Taylor

Principal